

**Amendments to the CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

1. (currently amended) A 2-part adhesive formulation comprising, in a first part, water, a surfactant which is a neutral or a basic surfactant or a combination thereof, and a protected alkylborane complex and, in a second part, an acrylic monomer and a trialkylborane-displacing initiator.
2. (currently amended) The formulation of Claim 1 wherein the protected alkylborane complex is a trialkylborane-organonitrogen complex and the second part further includes an acrylic polymer as a thixotropic agent.
3. (original) The formulation of Claim 2 wherein the thixotropic agent is a poly(methyl methacrylate).
4. (original) The formulation of Claim 3 wherein the surfactant is a polyvinyl pyrrolidone, a polyetheramine, a polyethylene glycol, a polyethylene glycol-polypropylene glycol copolymer, a polyacrylamide, a hydroxycellulose, a polyvinyl alcohol, a polyacrylic acid salt, or a polymethacrylic acid salt, or a combination thereof.
5. (original) The formulation of Claim 3 wherein the second part of the formulation includes an acrylic monomer selected from the group consisting of hydroxyethyl acrylate, hydroxybutyl methacrylate, and methyl methacrylate; and a trialkylborane initiator selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid and methacrylic acid.
6. (original) The formulation of Claim 5 wherein the acrylic monomer includes methyl methacrylate and the trialkylborane initiator includes acrylic acid.
7. (currently amended) A 2-part adhesive formulation comprising, in a first part, water, a surfactant which is a neutral or a basic surfactant or a combination

- thereof, and a trialkylborane-organonitrogen complex and, in a second part, methyl methacrylate, a thixotropic agent, and a trialkylborane-displacing initiator selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, and a 2-hydroxyalkyl acrylate.
8. (original) The 2-part adhesive of Claim 7, which includes in either the first or second part or both a pigment, a dye, a filler, or an antioxidant, or a combination thereof.
9. (currently amended) A composition comprising water, a surfactant which is a neutral or a basic surfactant or a combination thereof, an acrylic monomer, a trialkylborane-displacing initiator, and a thixotropic agent.
10. (original) The composition of Claim 9 which further includes a protected alkylborane complex.
11. (original) The composition of Claim 10 wherein the protected alkylborane complex is a trialkylborane-organonitrogen complex.
12. (original) The composition of Claim 10 which forms a cured adhesive.
13. (currently amended) A method comprising the step of contacting a surfactant-stabilized aqueous dispersion of a trialkylborane-organonitrogen complex with a an acrylic monomer and a trialkylborane-displacing initiator to form a curing acrylic-based adhesive, wherein the surfactant is a neutral or a basic surfactant or a combination thereof; and 2) applying the curing adhesive to a low surface energy substrate.
14. (original) The method of Claim 13 wherein steps 1) and 2) are carried out concomitantly.
15. (currently amended) The method of Claim 13 wherein the the low surface energy substrate is selected from the group consisting of polyethylenes, polypropylenes, ethylene- $\alpha$ -olefin copolymers, hydrogenated polyisoprenes, polyvinylidene

fluorides, polytetrafluoroethylenes, polyesters, polyamides, polyacetals, and polystyrenes.

16. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein the low surface energy substrate is an isotactic polypropylene.